

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Continuation Patent Application Of:
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For: SELECTIVE TREATMENT OF
MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE
SURFACES

) Prior Application:
) Application No. 09/672,572
) Filed: September 28, 2000
) Art Unit:
) Examiner:
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) Present Application:
) Examiner: Not Assigned
) Art Unit: Not Assigned



CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION
TRANSMITTAL FILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application of co-pending prior Application No. 09/672,572 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). The parent application was filed on September 28, 2000 by Applicant Brian Aegerter et al., and is similarly entitled "Selective Treatment Of Microelectronic Workpiece Surfaces."

Benefit of Prior U.S. Applications

The attached continuation application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. applications, as indicated below.

Papers Enclosed

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d), the specification filed herewith contains no new matter. Accordingly, a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application (U.S. Application No. 09/672,572) is submitted herewith.

The papers attached are as follows:

42 pages of Specification;
9 pages of Claims;
1 page of Abstract;
28 sheets of informal Drawings containing Figures 1-31; and,
17 sheets of Preliminary Amendment filed in 09/672,572.

Additional Papers Enclosed

A Preliminary Amendment is also attached requesting **cancellation in the attached application of claims 1-66** before calculating the filing fee.

Incorporation by Reference

The entire disclosure of the prior applications, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same as that for the parent application.

Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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			Rate	Fee	or	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee				\$375	or		\$750
Total Claims	18 - 20 =	0	x 9 =	\$ *	or	x 18 =	\$0
Indep. Claims	5 - 3 =	2	x 42 =	\$*0	or	x 84 =	\$168
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Relate Back--35 U.S.C. 120

As required under 35 U.S.C. 120, the Specification of the attached application has been amended in the Preliminary Amendment to include the following specific reference to the earlier filed parent applications:

Attorney Docket No. 114183-20 (P00-0024US3)

Title: "Selective Treatment Of Microelectronic Workpiece Surfaces"

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"The present application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/672,572 filed September 28, 2000 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/437,926 filed November 10, 1999, which, in turn, is a continuation of International Patent Application No. PCT/US99/05674 filed March 15, 1999 designating the U.S., which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/117,474 filed January 27, 1999; and is also a continuation-in-part of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/437,711 filed November 10, 1999, which is a continuation of International Patent Application No. PCT/US99/05676 filed March 15, 1999 designating the U.S., which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/116,750 filed January 23, 1999, and which is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/041,649 filed March 13, 1998 and 09/113,435 filed July 10, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of 09/041,901 filed March 13, 1998. "

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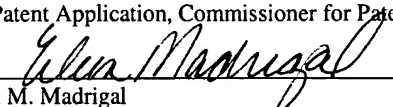
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